

# 2010 Arbor Day Earth Day Calendar

## The Oak Tree

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Some people like the trees for their yummy fruits. Others like trees that give shelter to wild animals and some like trees for the things they can make from the wood. My favorite is the oak tree. It reminds me of my ties to farming, fun and family.

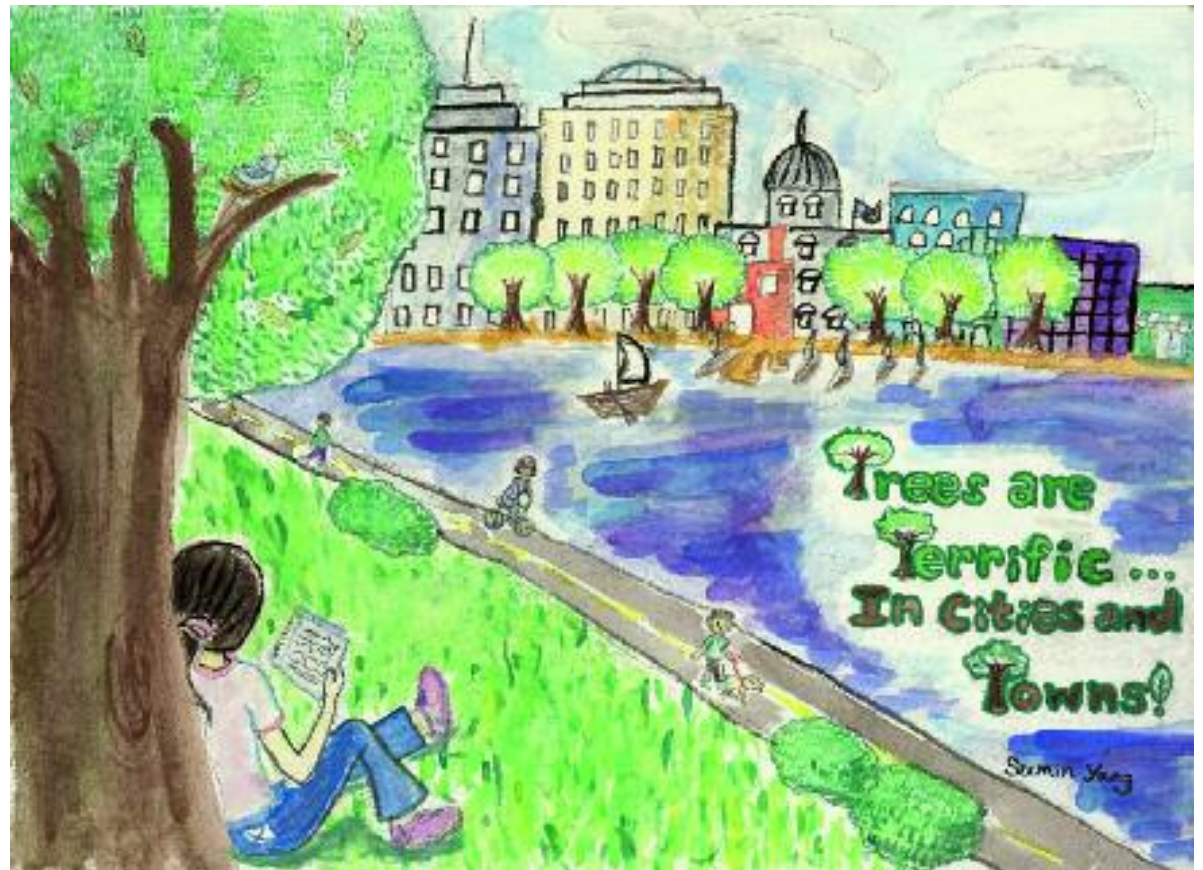
When I run my hands across the rough bark it reminds me of the many rows of barbed wire that surround our pastures. Its green leaves remind me of the alfalfa fields in the summer.

I have an oak tree in my front yard. I remember fun times in the summer in the cool shade. I would eat popsicles under the oak tree with my mom and sisters. I also had hard boiled egg picnics with my cousin Cooper and sister Anna. We would throw the yolks at the tree because we didn't like them.

Another reason I like the oak tree is because my grandpa, Uncle Paul and my cousin's baby are buried under a strong oak tree. It makes me feel as if they are protected by the tree.

One tree can remind a person of many things.  
The oak reminds me of farming, fun and family.

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